

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR  
UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION  
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Attorney Docket No.: 137678-US  
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**COMPLETE IF KNOWN**  
Application Number:  
Filing Date:  
Group Art Unit:  
Examiner Name:

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**CENTRALIZED INTERNET PROTOCOL / MULTI-PROTOCOL LABEL SWITCHING CONNECTIVITY  
VERIFICATION IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK MANAGEMENT CONTEXT**

the specification of which

- ☒ is attached hereto.  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ or PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

Foreign Application(s) and/or Claim of Foreign Priority

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Country	Application Number	Date Filed	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. §119
Canada	2,425,442	April 15, 2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Provisional Application

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application Serial Number	Filing Date

U.S. Priority Claim

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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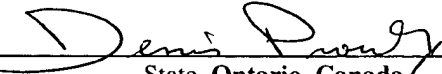
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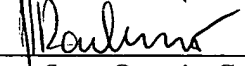
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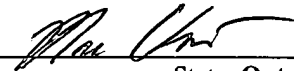
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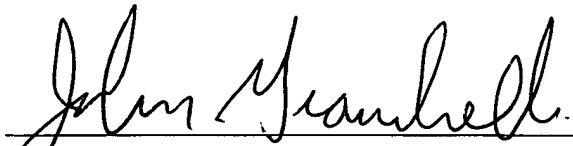
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